

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

*May 10, 2007*

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School on Thursday, May 10, 2007. The following school committee members were in attendance:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson  
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson  
Mark J. Almquist  
Thomas J. Conlon - arrived at 7:15 p.m.  
Joanne R. Forbes  
Lynn M. Landry  
Catherine A. Robinson

*Robert J. Kluchevitz was not present.*

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent Everett B. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, Ed. D., Senior Class Advisor Lisa Demers and Class Officers, Director of Fine Arts Ronald Bibeault, BMR High School Teacher Timothy Johnson, Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin and other interested parties.

At 7:05 p.m., a quorum being present, Chairperson Harvey called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S. followed and a moment of silence was held for Mr. Robert Harvey, father of two students in the school district.

Mr. Campbell presented the Consent Agenda which included minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2007 and a request for UMASS student Carly Consoletti to student teach at AFM and BMRHS during the 2007-2008 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

At 7:05 p.m., Chairperson Harvey welcomed Senior Class Advisor Lisa Demers and Class Officers Mary Ambacher and Jeff Bielat. The senior class was seeking approval from the committee to go to Six Flags for their class trip. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Landry to allow the senior class to go to Six Flags on June 4<sup>th</sup>. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

At 7:15 p.m., Chairperson Harvey welcomed Director of Fine Arts Ronald Bibeault to request approval from the School Committee for the high school band, wind

ensemble, jazz band and chorus to attend the North American Music Festival held in Washington DC on April 24 thru April 27, 2008. A motion was made by Mrs. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Landry. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Mr. Bibeault also distributed the tentative summer and fall schedule of the high school marching band. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Robinson to accept the schedule for marching band season as presented by Mr. Bibeault. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

At 7:20 p.m., Chairperson Harvey welcomed BMR High School Teacher Timothy Johnson. Mr. Johnson reviewed the brochure that he would like to distribute regarding summer tennis lessons. He has done this for the past four years. He would like to distribute flyers at the elementary schools and seek permission from Mr. Porter to use the tennis courts. He will also reserve the courts for private lessons through Mr. Porter.

Following some discussion and on a recommendation by Mrs. Lesperance, it was agreed that Mr. Johnson will be charged \$20 per day to use the tennis courts because it is different from the use of a gym – there are no custodial fees or electrical charges. Mr. Almquist wanted it noted that this charge is an exception to the current policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conlon and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**.

A discussion also followed regarding the request from Mr. Roe for the use of the gymnasiums for basketball camp. A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to charge Mr. Roe \$50.00 per day for both the middle and high schools for a total of \$200 for the period of August 14-17, 2007. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Public forum. There was no response.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Everett B. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, gave his report.

1. Mr. Campbell reviewed his recommendations for the foundation reserve which included the cost of the staff ID cards, salaries for an elementary summer reading program, Test Wiz software-web version upgrade to analyze the MCAS scores and upgrades for Everyday Math. He will update the figures at the next meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Landry and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to accept the recommendations from Mr. Campbell and spend \$8,472 from the Foundation Reserve Account. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**
2. Mr. Campbell reviewed the revised schedule of school committee meetings for FY08. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to accept the schedule as presented. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**
3. All students of the graduating class of 2008 have passed the MCAS.
4. Commissioner David Driscoll visited the District on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Campbell felt the visit went very well.

Chairperson Harvey stated that Mrs. Smith will be leaving the district as principal of the A. F. Maloney School. At this time Chairperson Harvey was seeking a motion to allow one principal to serve both the John F. Kennedy and A. F. Maloney Schools effective July 1, 2007.

Mrs. Robinson asked what type of support there will be for the principal and Chairperson Harvey stated that she is not sure at this time but there will be support.

A motion was made by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Mr. Almquist. Mr. Almquist stated that Mr. Campbell was able to discuss this matter with Commissioner Driscoll who stated that this would not be a problem with the Department of Education.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairperson Harvey left the meeting at this time to attend a meeting with the Blackstone Finance Committee.

At 8:05 p.m., Dr. Kathleen A. Montagano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, gave her report.

1. Committee members agreed there were not any concerns with the ESOL job description; therefore, Dr. Montagano requested a motion be made to accept the ESOL job description. A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mrs. Landry to accept the ESOL job description. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**
2. Dr. Montagano reviewed electricity rates that are available to the District. Following a discussion, Dr. Montagano requested that the school committee allow her and Mr. Campbell to enter into a contract that will give the district the best price. A motion was made by Mrs. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to allow Mr. Campbell and Dr. Montagano to enter into a contract with the company they feel will give the district the best price. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**
3. Dr. Montagano reviewed the expenditure ledger. Some of the accounts discussed were the account for natural gas at the Complex and the middle school substitute account, (See attached)

At 8:20 p.m., Vice Chairperson Lesperance asked if there were any subcommittee reports to be made at this time.

Mr. Almquist stated that the link on the website for the policies is in the works.

Mrs. Lesperance reported that the communication subcommittee is working on their update at this time.

At approximately 8:20 p.m., Student Representative Matt Chamberlain gave his report. Matt reported that the senior citizen prom was held Friday and it went well; the awards night for band was held Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and over \$5,000 in scholarships were given out; the semi-formal will be held Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>; the NHS Induction will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Bibeault received an award from Wal\*Mart as "Teacher of

the Year". Matt also stated that members of SADD had a bake sale and raised \$140.00 and they also received a \$100 donation from the treasurer's father. Matt's last meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>.

At 8:25 p.m. Vice Chairperson Lesperance asked if there were any issues for the Committee Forum.

Mrs. Landry asked Mr. Campbell and Dr. Montagano if they can look into sensory detector lights for the classrooms to help cut back on electricity. Mr. Campbell reviewed other ways the district has been trying to cut back on electricity. They are also looking into the cost savings of shutting computers down completely at night.

Vice Chairperson Lesperance encouraged members to attend the NHS Induction Ceremony on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairperson Lesperance congratulated Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano on receiving her doctorate degree. Dr. Montagano will attend the commencement exercises on June 16<sup>th</sup> at NOVA University in Florida.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Landry and seconded by Mrs. Robinson that the Regional District School Committee **adjourn the meeting.**  
**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary